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1. This application entitled VEHICLE HITCH ASSEMBLY is:
- a. ☐ A new application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).
- b. ☒ A ☐ continuation ☐ divisional or ☒ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 10/131,066 filed on April 24, 2002, entitled VEHICLE HITCH ASSEMBLY.
- c. ☐ A new utility application which claims the benefit of provisional application Serial No. , filed on .

Application elements and other attached papers:

2. ☒ Specification (including Claims and Abstract) [Total Pages 17]
3. ☒ Drawings (☐ informal / ☒ formal) [Total Sheets 3]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☒ Newly-executed
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Item 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4).
- a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

- b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited on the below date with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Pst Office t Addr ssee" addr ssed to: Mail Stop Patent Applicati n, Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent & Trad mark Offic , P.O. B x 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

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7. Preliminary Amendment:

- a. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 is attached.
- b. ☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
- c. ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:
 "This is a _____ continuation _____ divisional of copending
 application(s) serial number _____ / _____ filed on _____."
- d. ☐ A Petition to Suspend Prosecution For The Time Necessary to File An Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently) is attached.

8. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
- b. ☐ Small entity status was claimed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer desired.

9. Fee Calculation:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	20 -20 =	0	x 18.00	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	6 -3 =	3	x 84.00	252.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. §1.16(d))			280.00	-
BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))				750.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				1002.00
REDUCTION BY 50% FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (NOTE 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)				-
\$40.00 ASSIGNMENT RECORDAL FEE (if applicable)				40.00
TOTAL				1042.00

10. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 1042.00 is enclosed.
11. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees (or any deficiency therein) to Deposit Account No. 02-3978 :
- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
12. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application
- ☒ A request for extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed in the pending prior application (or are being filed in the prior application concurrently herewith) to extend the period for response until August 19, 2003.

13. X An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is attached, along with the following indicated attachments thereto:
- a. X Form PTO/SB/08 (One (1) sheet(s))
- b. Copies of references cited
14. Certified copy of priority document(s)
15. Nonpublication Request Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(a)
16. Request for Early Publication Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.219
17. X Return Receipt Postcard
18. Other: _____
19. X An Assignment of the invention to Midway Products Group, Inc.
having an address of One Lyman E. Hoyt Drive, Monroe, Michigan 48161
- a. X is attached.
- b. was recorded on _____ at Reel _____, Frame _____.
- c. Applicant requests that the above assignee information be published with the application.

20. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

James A. Kushman 25,634
Name of Attorney of Record Reg. No.

 The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

 The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on _____.

X A new power has been executed and is attached.

21. Correspondence Address: Please address all future communications to James A. Kushman:



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Respectfully submitted,

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